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SCHOOL CAMPAIGNERS SEEKING LEGAL BID TO BLOCK ACADEMY PLAN

PARENTS and supporters campaigning to prevent a historic school from being made into an academy are taking legal advice after accusing the Government of failing to carry out a legal consultation.

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Plans to convert Ormskirk School into an academy, highlighted in the Champion in November last year, were set in motion in the wake of two damning reports by education standards regulator, Ofsted.

The Wigan Road school was rated as 'requires improvement' by inspectors in March, 2017, and following a further inspection in May 2019 it was deemed 'inadequate'.

However, supporters of the 400-year-old establishment opposed to the change called for Ofsted to return and give the school "a fair crack of the whip", describing the timing of the second inspection as unfair as a new headteacher had only recently been appointed and needed time to turn things around.

The, group - Save Ormskirk School - drew attention to the signs of improvement noted in the second Ofsted report.

They also claim that many academies are run to make profits rather than provide the best education for the children.

Now, with the Government forging ahead with plans for the conversion into an academy, the group are taking legal advice, saying the decision is unfounded, commercially-led and potentially illegal due to a lack of a proper consultation by the Department for Education (DfE) and Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC).

A spokesman for Save Ormskirk School said: 'Control of our school is due to be handed over to a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). The school will no longer be in charge of its own destiny and 400 years of history will be handed over to some faceless commercial enterprise.

"Many MATs are run not on the principle of enabling every child to achieve their full potential, but by a desire to divert school budgets into 'fat cat' managers' pockets. There are

Ormskirk School.

examples all over the country of academy heads and managers getting outrageous six-figure salaries, paid at the expense of school budgets and there is no guarantee that the same won't happen to Ormskirk School.

"The school's Foundation Trust owns the land on which the school is situated and opposes the forced academisation of the school. If the foundation governors refuse to sign a lease, the RSC could, under obscure schedules hidden within the legislation, 'steal the land' from the foundation, which is totally unacceptable.

"Foundation money is also used to support and help Ormskirk pupils, by providing much-needed grants and money for things like travel and sports equipment. All of this will potentially go into the pockets of the academy sponsor."

Calling on the Regional Schools Commissioner to reconsider and allow more time for improvements, the spokesperson added: "Ormskirk

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Family and friends of James Draper with the cheque for mental health charity, Mind.

Family's fundraiser in memory of James

THE partner and family of a West Lancs man who committed suicide last year have raised more than £18,000 for a mental health charity in his memory.

James Draper tragically took his own life in January 2019. It is believed that he had undiagnosed mental health problems.

To mark what would have been his 34th birthday his partner, Steph, organised a fundraiser for mental health charity Mind while also raising awareness of mental health issues, in particular those affecting young men.

The event was well supported by local businesses and the community who provided raffle and auction prizes, along with donations to an online fundraising page.

James's father, Alan, managing director of Bickerstaffe-based top soil supplier and haulier R. Draper Ltd., said: "We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generous donations to raise money for the charity Mind in memory of James. We were overwhelmed by the support.

"On the night we managed to raise in excess of £18,000. If this, in turn, helps save even one life and one family suffering, it will be truly worth it."

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Authorities step up the fight against fly-tippers

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE Environment Agency has confirmed that it is investigating reports of criminal gangs dumping illegal waste in Lancashire.

In response to the issue a national unit has been established which brings together the Environment Agency, police, National Crime Agency and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. Fake waste disposal companies are believed to have cost local authorities almost £60m in clean-up costs since 2012.

Although London and Manchester have been hardest hit by the growing crisis in illegal waste removal services, the Environment Agency has confirmed that it has received reports of waste being disposed illegally in Lancashire. However, due to ongoing investigations, it is not able to give details of locations for legal reasons.

A spokesperson said: "The Environment Agency has specialist teams who work in partnership with the police, local authorities and agencies like the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) and HMRC to tackle waste crime across Lancashire. Our specialist officers will prosecute organised crime gangs found to be involved in illegal waste activities.

"If you see waste crime report it by calling our incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60 or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

New measures

Meanwhile, the number of court prosecutions for fly-tipping brought by West Lancs Council decreased by two thirds last year following the introduction of fixed penalty notices for offenders.

A council spokesperson said: "In 2019 we carried out 222 investigations into fly-tipping related offences and issued 29 fixed penalty notices. We undertook eight prosecutions in 2019 in relation to fly-tipping offences, down from 30 the previous year, largely due to the introduction of fixed penalty notices for minor offences."

A previous fly-tipping incident in Up Holland.

The council said that a further change in the law means it can now issue a £200 fixed penalty notice to householders if their waste has been found fly-tipped and they have not made sure the person taking it will dispose of it correctly.

The spokesperson added: "It is hoped that the new measures will deter people from using unlicensed individuals who advertise waste collection services on social media and in other ways.

"Experience has shown that items collected by such individuals are often disposed of illegally leading to an increase in the number of fly-tipping complaints.

"The council is passionate about protecting our local environment. Fly-tipping is a criminal offence which we take very seriously and our staff work hard to clear waste dumped in West Lancashire and catch the people who dump it."

Fly-tipped waste in West Lancashire can be reported through the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk. The authority advises residents not to attempt to remove it themselves as they will look for evidence as to who dumped it to help catch those responsible.

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County council releases consultants' report on Burscough flood issues

Report by **Kenny Parker**

...now it's up to risk management authorities to progress action plan, says local councillor

LANCASHIRE County Council has released a report by engineering consultants Jacobs on Monday (February 24) commissioned to help solve flooding issues in Burscough.

The county council appointed Jacobs in 2018 to undertake a surface water management plan for the town which has been heavily affected by flooding and drainage issues in recent years affecting homes and businesses

The cost of the research was met by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

County Councillor for Burscough and Rufford, Eddie Pope, said: "We have all suffered over the last two weeks as the storms Ciara and Dennis have hit the area giving greater weight to the important issue of climate change.

"Lancashire County Council commissioned the report in February 2018 to undertake a Level 2 Surface Water Management Plan for the town of Burscough.

"As the Lead Local Flood Authority, LCC has several powers, duties and responsibilities with respect to the management of flood risk from local sources. Local flood sources include flooding from sewers, drains, surface water and run-off from land, small watercourses and ditches that occur because of heavy rainfall.

A previous flooding incident at Richmond Avenue, Burscough.

"A key part of the LCC Local Flood Risk Strategy 2014 is the need to have up-to-date information about local flooding which then enables LCC to carry out its duties with the other risk management authorities, namely United Utilities, West Lancashire Borough Council and Environment Agency (EA).

"In this case, as there are no main rivers passing through the study area, the EA have not been involved in the scoping of the report. Other bodies have been involved including Network Rail, the Canals and Rivers Trust and, particularly, representing the important local views and providing a large quantity of source information, the Burscough Flooding Group.

"The report provides an action plan with some high=priority action points in relation to Crabtree Lane and Red Cat Lane and it will be up to the risk management authorities to decide how to progress the action plan. It also provides information for the borough council to use in the planning process."

To see the report visit https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/performance-inspections-reviews/environmental/flood-investigation-report/.

Campaigners seek legal advice in bid to block plan to convert historic school into an academy

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School is really turning things around and is on course to be good or even outstanding over time. The pupils will not be best served by the upheaval of forced conversion."

The DfE said it has a legal duty to issue an order for a school to become an academy when Ofsted assesses it as inadequate.

And it refuted the claim that it had not carried out a consultation, saying that it had shared a list of potential sponsors with the Foundation Trust, had sought its views and offered to meet.

A decision on which sponsor is chosen is expected to be made soon.

A DfE spokesperson said: "When we see an issue of underperforming schools we have to take action, because children only get one chance at an education.

"Ormskirk School was issued with an academy order because it was rated as inadequate by Ofsted. We are working to find a strong sponsor with the capability to bring about the necessary improvements."

Authority launches public consultation on new community involvement statement

WEST Lancs Council is launching a public consultation on a new a new draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which it has prepared.

This document sets out how the council will involve the public in the planning process, whether in developing policy, dealing with planning applications, considering works to trees or appraising conservation areas.

The authority is required by law to consult certain people on various different aspects of planning. For example, it needs to notify neighbours about planning applications.

Also, when preparing planning policy documents, the council has to take the views of local residents and other interested parties into account.

Keeping to the SCI is an important consideration when testing whether the council is carrying out its planning function satisfactorily.

The council wants to hear views on the draft document during the consultation which will run from Thursday, February 27 to Thursday, April 9.

Councillor David Evans, the council's cabinet member for planning, said: "This council is always interested in hearing the views of the residents of West Lancashire, and of those with an interest in the area.

"Planning services regularly consult stakeholders, and we want to make sure we continue to engage with people in the most effective way possible.

"The consultation exercise provides residents with a chance to give their views."

For information on how to share views, visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/planningpolicy from Thursday, February 27 and click on the link to the Statement of Community Involvement, or call the council on 01695 585192.

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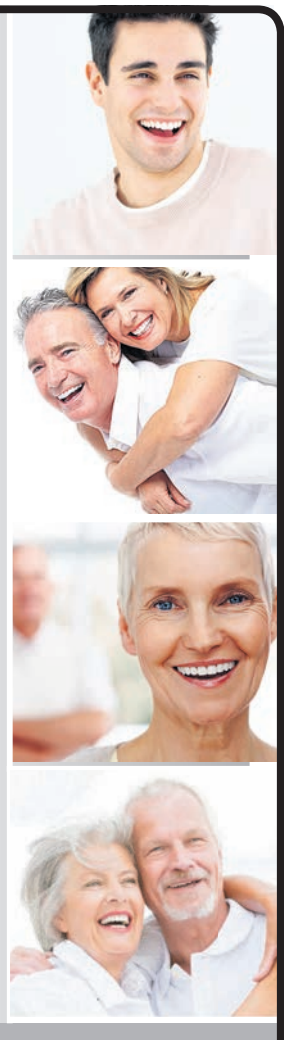

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Tennis club refutes 'vandalism' claim over proposed courts development

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AN angry member of Aughton Tennis Club has blasted plans to uproot trees as part of possible changes to its facilities as "the worst kind of vandalism."

However, the club has said the plans are only at the early discussion stage and in any case the threatened trees had been declared "in poor health" by an expert.

The female member, who does not wish to be named, contacted the Champion to voice her opposition to possible plans to replace three grass courts with an artificial surface, which she said would mean uprooting the trees.

She also claimed that an additional proposal to erect a plastic dome to provide indoor courts during the colder months will "look like a spaceship when lit up at night."

The club, which is situated in the Granville Park Conservation Area, has said that these are just possible plans of a number which are only in early discussion stages with West Lancs council.

The irate member said the plans, which she first became aware of at the club's recent AGM, would involve taking down two yew trees, two holly trees and several deciduous trees next to the grass courts. She said these provide cover for a local path, known as the Pads, and described in the conservation area appraisal as an "almost rural vista entirely encircled by vegetation."

She said: "This is a very popular walk for many people in the area because it's so tranquil and peaceful and away from traffic - but if the trees are pulled down the new section will be completely open.

"As for the proposed installation of an air dome, a huge, clear plastic thing kept inflated by a fan running 24 hours a day for about six months, just imagine what it will look like at night - a glowing spaceship!"

The member stressed that she was not opposed to creating the artificial surface courts but said they should run parallel to the path which would not require the uprooting of the trees.

"I don't think there is any justification for cutting trees down - this is the worst type of vandalism."

A spokesperson for the club said: "We have been exploring a number of ways in which we might respond to a British Lawn Tennis Association initiative to get more people, playing more tennis, more of the time, given the obvious benefits which that brings to the community.

The entrance to the 'Pads' at Aughton Tennis Club which the member claims will be spoiled by plans to uproot trees.

"At the annual general meeting a range of matters were discussed with members, one of which was any potential development of our current facilities. What was explained is that there are presently a number of different options being explored but, before any of these can be accurately costed, the club feels it would be sensible to seek some pre-application advice from West Lancs Council.

"Regarding the possible felling of trees, we have previously engaged the services of a highly-respected arborist to examine the general condition of these trees, who has advised us that they are actually in poor health.

"Furthermore, in the event of there being an application made to remove these trees in the future, this would naturally be accompanied by an undertaking to plant new, healthy vegetation in their place.

"Regarding the possibility of an all-weather dome, it is worth noting that any such structure would be semi-permanent and only in situ during the dark (winter) months. It would also have interior lighting in order to limit any impact on the immediate vicinity.

"The club member who contacted the Champion has used some rather emotive terminology which arguably misrepresents the club, as it portrays us as not being mindful of either environmental factors or neighbourhood interests in the locality, which I can assure you is far from being the case."

Student felt gut was going to 'burst' after eating two takeaways a day for two weeks

A STUDENT at Edge Hill University is to appear on a BBC documentary tomorrow (Thursday, February 27) called The Truth About…Takeaways.

21-year-old Marc Cox, who is studying psychology and criminology, was one of 15 volunteers who had to eat two takeaways every day for two weeks, from a list of the nation's biggest sellers, including fish and chips, pizza, Indian and Chinese.

Before and after, he was put through a number of tests - from blood sugar levels and body fat, to gut bacteria, mental wellbeing and cognitive sharpness.

The results, which will be shown on the programme, will reveal what takeaways are really doing to people's bodies, and the shocking truth about the impact they can have on our brains.

Following the programme Marc feared his gut was going to 'burst', his mental health deteriorated and his face broke out in spots.

He said: "I was mostly was really tired, and felt really lethargic and had such a lack of motivation. It was fine for the first few days but after a while I had trouble sleeping and I felt agitated."

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arrangers and administrators with the comprehensive knowledge and skills required to perform effectively in the role.

Sally Hunter said, "Louis and Anabel have done extremely well achieving this diploma at such a young age. T
dedication and commitment and they both fully deserve this recognition, we are all very proud."

Mum raises £10k for charities in memory of tragic student Halle

Report by **Tom Martin**

THE mother of an Edge Hill student who died from meningitis has helped to raise more than £10,000 for charity in her memory.

Heather O'Brien organised four back-to-back fundraisers in Liverpool from 11am until late at night last month with music and entertainment for all ages.

She wanted to raise money in memory of daughter, Halle who passed away in January last year after falling ill on a night out.

It was later revealed that the 19-year-old from Litherland had died from Group A streptococcal septicaemia, which caused her to contract meningitis.

Friends and family at one of the all-day and night charity fundraisers in memory of Edge Hill student Halle O'Brien.

Success

The fundraising events, called 'Lumiere, Love Halle' after one of Halle's favourite characters from Beauty and the Beast, were hailed by Heather as a complete success.

The proceeds will be donated to charities, Meningitis Now, Love, Jasmine and Rescue Me.

Heather said: "We raised over £10,000 for the charities at the same time as raising awareness and remembering Halle in a way that she would loved - raving for 13 hours!

"A big thanks to everyone who donated their time especially the DJs Yousef, Louie Smith, Lee Butler, Tom Moran, Tom Ewart and many more."

Halle, who was studying English Literature at the Ormskirk university, contracted the deadly disease despite having had the meningococcal vaccine and receiving a booster jab at the start of her course.

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Freemasons donate £50k to help fund training of surgeons in Africa

THOUSANDS of seriously ill people across Africa, who have no access to surgeons, are set to be treated thanks to a major new surgical training programme partially funded by a donation from West Lancashire Freemasons.

The £50,000 will help fund a programme specifically designed to develop the next generation of young surgeons in Africa, giving them access to the latest lifesaving techniques, which are common in the UK but not taught in Africa.

Currently, more than 90 per cent of the 1.2 billion people living in Africa do not have access to safe and affordable surgery, resulting in an estimated 17 million deaths every year.

The programme is taking place in Nigeria, with approximately 200 million people the most populous country in Africa, under the leadership of Professor Robert Lane, president of the International Federation of Surgical Colleges (IFSC), supported by a dedicated volunteer team of surgeons.

Professor Lane, said: "We're really grateful for this generous grant from the Freemasons. We're already liaising with the West African College of Surgeons to discover where the need is greatest, and this new funding will allow us to start planning the first part of the training programme. Thanks to the Freemasons we're going to be able to help save many lives across the region."

Nurses practise suture skills. Thanks to the training programme part funded by West Lancashire Freemasons seriously ill people across Africa will receive treatment.

The programme will train 30 Nigerian surgeons and nurses, who in turn, will treat more than a thousand surgical patients every year across the continent. The donation will fund travel and accommodation for all the volunteer trainer surgeons, surgical training equipment, programme arrangements and administration.

Tony Harrison from West Lancashire Freemasons, said: "I was deeply shocked to hear that 95 per cent of Africa's population have almost zero access to surgical care. There are fewer than two surgeons for every 100,000 African people, while in the UK we have around 90 surgeons for every 100,000 British people.

"We are optimistic this donation will help the surgeons to improve their knowledge and enable them to take care of the largest number of people. It's critically important that new African surgeons and nurses are trained, and this programme is an excellent start."

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Residents urged to beware of rogue traders in wake of winter storms

LANCASHIRE County Council is urging residents to beware of rogue traders in the wake of recent storms.

Following the storms, the authority says many people might need repairs to their homes, but County Councillor Albert Atkinson, cabinet member for technical services, rural affairs and waste, warned: "It's highly likely that rogue traders will be out and about following the recent storms.

"They'll try every trick in the book and can charge a fortune for work that simply isn't needed. They are most likely to cold call and target elderly and vulnerable people. Once you start speaking to them, they will often point out a fairly minor repair job. When you let them into your property, this will escalate into an expensive list of jobs that aren't needed.

"If you think work needs to be done because of storm damage, check with your insurance company first. If you need a trader, use our Safe Trader scheme, get quotes from two or three local businesses or ask friends and relatives to recommend a reputable business.

County Councillor Albert Atkinson.

"We'd always advise you say no to cold callers and report anyone who is using pushy or aggressive sales tactics to us via the Citizen's Advice consumer helpline."

● To find a trader on Lancashire County Council's Safe Trader scheme call 0303 333 11 11 or visit www.safetrader.org.uk.

The Safe Trader Scheme is a list of traders managed by Trading Standards with the aim of helping consumers find reputable traders for property repairs and home improvements.

Members of the scheme have shown they are committed to treating customers honestly and fairly by signing up to a code of practice.

If you have concerns about bogus property repairers call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

Borough a housing 'hotspot' for young

WEST Lancashire has been listed among the biggest housing 'hotspots' for young people in the UK.

The area has seen a 2.04% increase in its population of 18 to 34-year-olds, according to research conducted by regulated property buyer Good Move.

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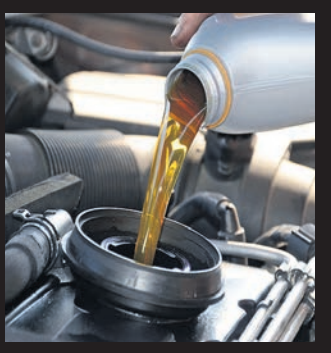

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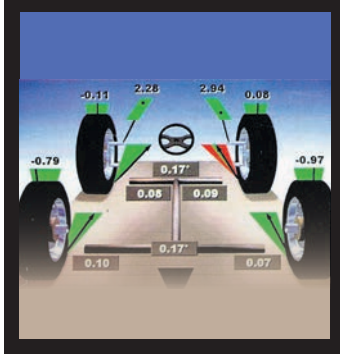

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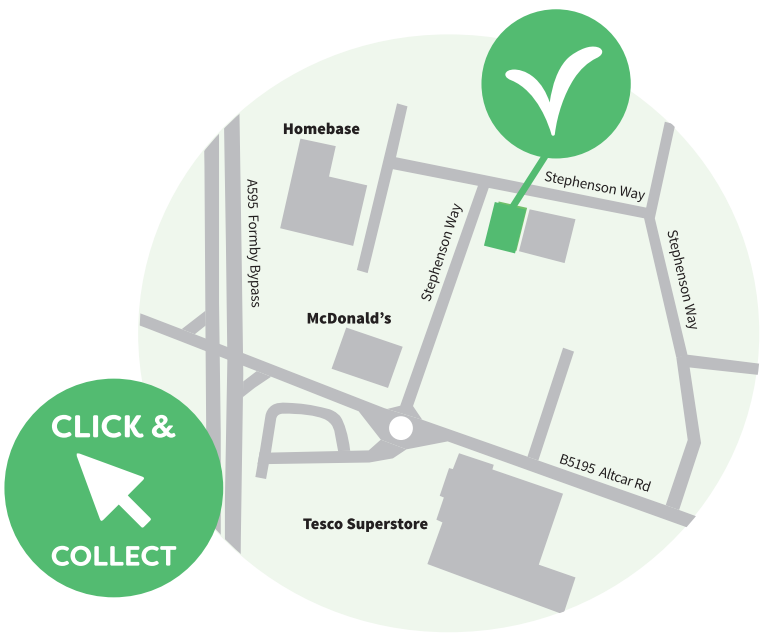

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Labour call to restore borough recycle centre opening times rejected

THE Labour group on Lancashire County Council have expressed dismay at the Conservative-led administration's decision to resist calls to restore opening hours at the borough's waste recycling centres.

At the recent full council budget meeting Labour called for the hours to be restored across the centres in the borough.

Skelmersdale West County Councillor Julie Gibson said: "The cuts from last year's budget have had a devastating effect on the recycling centres across West Lancashire, with the centre at Burscough being particularly hard hit. We have seen queues forming at the centres and the ever-increasing threat of fly-tipping.

"At the full council budget meeting on February 13 the Labour group's budget proposals included provision to re-instate the centres to the previous opening hours with a view to undoing some of the damage that this has inflicted.

"Despite our calls this was rejected by the Conservative administration, including the current Conservative Councillor for Burscough and Rufford."

And Burscough West borough councillor Andrew Pritchard, who is campaigning to restore the opening hours at the Burscough centre, said: "This would have been a perfect opportunity to review and restore the impact that the change in hours is having on the residents of Burscough and the wider area of West Lancashire. This clearly shows austerity is not dead - it is alive and well in West Lancashire.

County Councillor Gibson.

"We will continue with our petition, which can be found at various locations across Burscough and we ask all residents to sign and send a clear message to the Conservatives in Lancashire that they can't take the people of Burscough for granted."

County Councillor Albert Atkinson, cabinet member for technical services, rural affairs and waste management, responded: "The changes reflect that visitor numbers were relatively low at either end of the day, and there is another site at Skelmersdale available on the two weekdays which Burscough is closed.

"These changes have had a minimal impact on the service while importantly contributing to savings to allow the council to balance its budget. Responses to the consultation were mixed, with support for, or indifference to, the changes being roughly equal to those that disagreed with them.

"There is occasional queueing at a number of our sites when they need to be closed very briefly while the skips are changed over, however we are not aware of queueing having become a bigger issue.

"Fly-tipping is a criminal act with penalties including large fines and potential imprisonment, and something most people would never consider doing due to the impact on their neighbours and the environment. Most fly-tipping is carried out by unscrupulous businesses which do not want to pay for their waste to be disposed of properly, and there is no evidence to link fly-tipping to the availability of our recycling centres, which are only for household waste."

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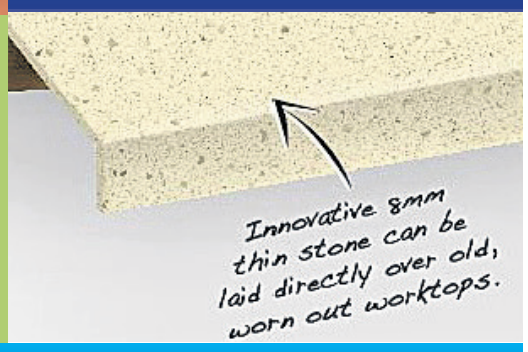

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Councillor welcomes move to suspend parking enforcement scheme at retirement complex

Company commenced ANPR operation before applying to authority for planning permission

Report by **Henry James**

A BOROUGH councillor has welcomed the news that Brookside Retirement Living in Ormskirk has suspended its visitor car parking enforcement by ParkingEye until planning permission has been granted.

Earlier this year, Skelmersdale North Councillor Neil Furey had called for the parking scheme at the site in Aughton Street to be suspended immediately after learning that planning permission had not been granted for the operation.

He said: "I welcome the news that enforcement of these controversial car parking restrictions have been suspended. This is not the first time ParkingEye has commenced enforcement action without bothering to apply for the necessary planning permission from the council.

Demands

"Enforcement of visitor car parking restrictions at this site has proved to be controversial and was, in effect, a trap and sting operation with visitors being invited to the site to attend clinical appointments after which they promptly received a £100 Penalty Charge Notice and threats of court action in the event of non-payment.

The ANPR cameras at Brookside Retirement Living Scheme in Aughton Street, Ormskirk.

"A number of elderly and disabled people contacted me about these demands who clearly had no idea the restrictions applied to them as patrons of the site. These PCNs have now been cancelled.

"As enforcement action has now been suspended I trust both Brookside Retirement Living and ParkingEye will examine this scheme carefully towards ensuring patrons attending appointments at the site are not issued with PCNs in the future."

A spokesperson for ParkingEye responded: "A full planning permission application was submitted to the council on January 15. ParkingEye received confirmation from the council who set an expected outcome date of March 30.

"We await the council's decision on this matter, and stand ready to provide additional information as and when requested."

And Andy Hodson, service manager at the Your Housing Group, which runs the Brookside site, commented: "Residents requested a parking company to monitor the private car park at Brookside due to not being able to park at their own home as members of the public were using the car park.

"If the planning application is successful it is our intention to return to the use of ParkingEye and we will ensure that all the appropriate communications, controls and signage are in place."

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Volunteers honoured for securing future of narrow-gauge railway

SIX months after saving their site from developers, members of the West Lancashire Light Railway Trust have been honoured with the prestigious Small Groups Award at the Heritage Railway Association's (HRA) National Awards.

The award is made to smaller member organisations of HRA for "excellence in developing their business." The trust managing the volunteer-run narrow-gauge railway based at Station Road, Hesketh Bank, was recognised for its success in securing its future.

The railway was facing possible closure when the land it had been leasing for over 50 years was put up for sale.

However, in August of last year the trust announced that it had managed to keep the popular attraction on track for many more years to come after raising a staggering £290,000 to buy the land the railway runs through.

Trust chairman, Mike Spall, said: "2019 was a very difficult year for our 52-year old volunteer-operated heritage railway, with the real threat that it would have to close due to part of our leased land being sold for housing development.

"Thankfully, the members and friends of the Railway, many from our local community in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton, rallied together raising an astounding £280,000 in three months to purchase the land, securing the future of this wonderful little railway for future generations.

"This award recognises the tremendous work and support given by our members and friends of the railway achieving this successful outcome. We are very grateful to the Heritage Railway Association for acknowledging and recognising this success."

The chairman added that the railway's, Members and Friends Development fund is still open, and more funds are still required to improve visitor facilities. Details can be found on website, www.westlancsrailway.com.

The trust's 2020 season will start on Sunday, April 5 with a Friendly Engine event for younger railway fans

Above: Members of the West Lancashire Light Railway collect their plaque at the HRA awards night.
Below: Joy after buying the land where the railway is situated.

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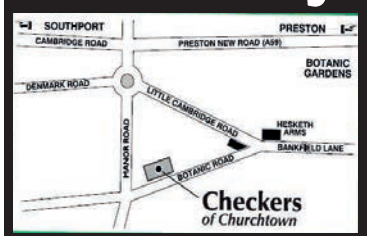

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This car park chaos is surely an accident waiting to happen

FURTHER to the letter from Chris about parking in last week's Champion (February 19).

It's odd that Ruff Lane is well patrolled by wardens, where there is only small risks to the public, but drivers are ignoring double yellow lines at Leyland Way by B&M. This is much more an area of concern as it's the only way out of the largest car park in Ormskirk.

There are two entrances but only one way out, which, allowing for the activity at busy times - i.e. people trying to park at B&M, cars trying to enter/leave together with pedestrians trying to cross at entrance using Railway Road - is an accident waiting to happen and should never have been allowed to start.

If, as the parking warden mentioned says, it's due to faded yellow lines, that's just ridiculous.

Dave G., by email

Climate change campaigners should target world's worst polluters not ordinary folk

IT was kind of Geraldine Boocock (Letters, February 19) to invite me to join Extinction Rebellion, however what was more disturbing was her comment 'Headline-grabbing action is hugely important' Is it ?

It's astounding to think that Extinction Rebellion feel that such actions will advance their cause. To block roads, bridges, highways and airports and to prevent ordinary people getting to and from work to provide a living for their family can't be justifiable. To stop commerce and the normal running of a country by acts of vandalism is simply churlish and will turn law-abiding people against Extinction Rebellion.

In this wonderful country we are all aware of global warming and all do our bit to prevent it. We all have the right to peaceful protest, which can't be said of other counties.

We as a country produce less then 1% of carbon output. Maybe Extinction Rebellion should protest outside the embassies of China, India and Russia which are the biggest polluters. Or travel to those countries and try the same tactics there and see what the authorities will do with them there.

How is digging up a green lawn in Cambridge going to help their cause? Maybe I can pop round to Geraldine Boocock's garden and dig it up or spray red paint over her house because she once was given a car ride !

David Palin, Aughton.

New houses but no essential facilities for the residents

IT'S good to see in the Champion that West lancs Borough Council have approved the building of many affordable new homes.

But what is not happening is that the needs of the people - i.e. doctors, chemist, post offices etc. - is not keeping up with the increase in the population.

I live in Up Holland and in recent years we have lost the post office, library and petrol stations, plus other needed facilities.

The doctors are overstretched with it being the norm to wait several weeks to see a doctor. And the chemist is now asking us to wait seven days for our prescription(it was two days).

So I believe we should address the requirements of the people when planning permission is granted for new housing estates.

John Cooke, Up Holland.

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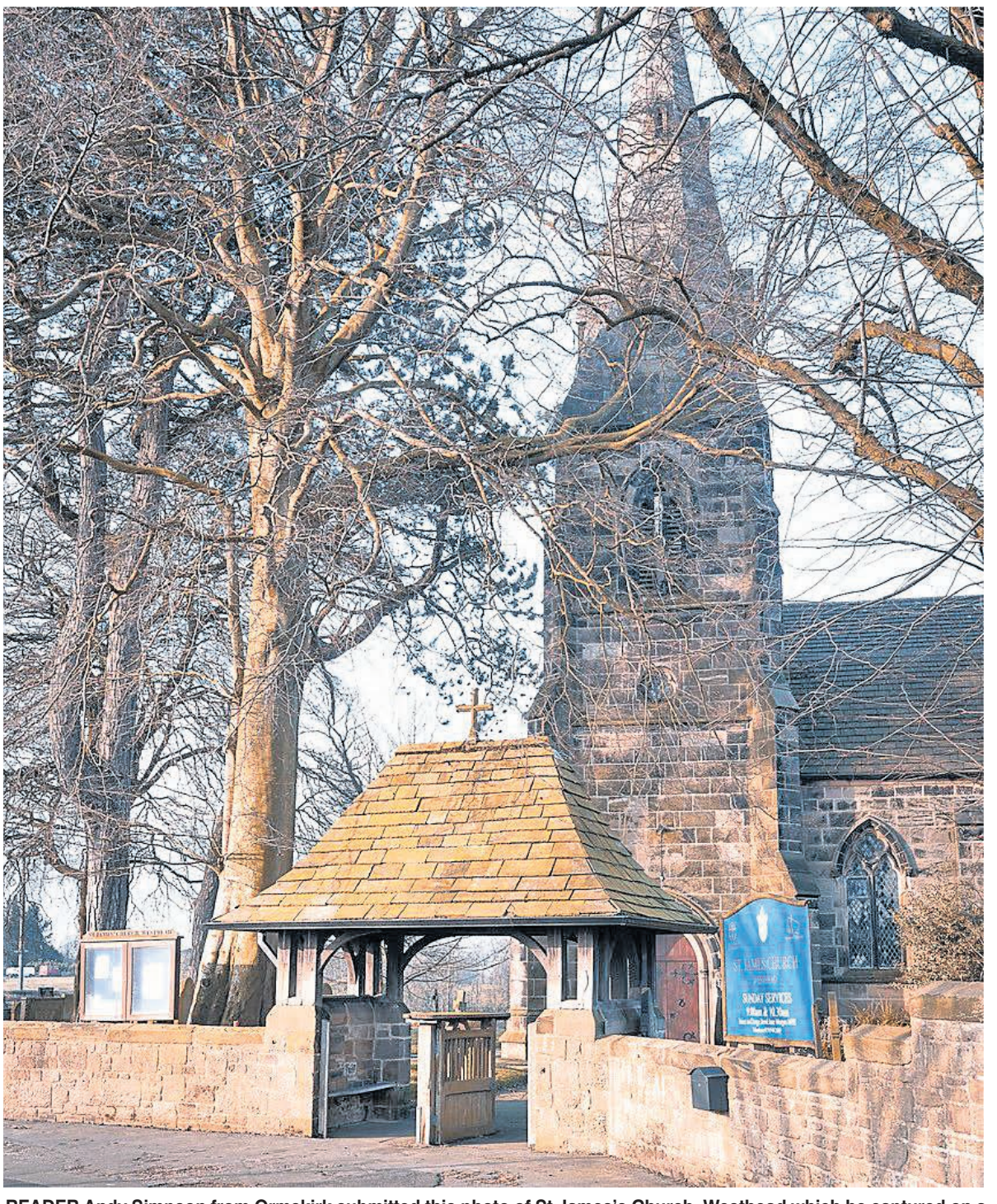

READER Andy Simpson from Ormskirk submitted this photo of St James's Church, Westhead which he captured on a rare sunny afternoon earlier this month.

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Hospital trip turned into the 'walk of pain'!

HAVING been told that both my hips need replacing, I was instructed to attend Ormskirk Hospital to be shown how to do both pre and post-operation excises.

With my wife doing most of the driving, we arrived at the front entrance car park, crossed into the hospital and started to follow the signs down the long corridor to the department.

Now, remember that most people attending there will be for either hip or knee replacements, we walked on and on, having to stop a number of times because of the pain.

Indeed, we found out that the department was at the very end of the corridor, a good half-mile.

Then we had to repeat the journey, with the first few hundred yards being up a slope.

By the time we reached our car, I was almost crying with the pain and I've spent two full days in extreme pain, and unable to sleep.

Perhaps the idea of putting this department at the very end of the corridor is a way of reducing the waiting lists by killing off many of those on it, before their operation date!

Fred McCann, Southport

Both Burscough curves should be reinstated and Ormskirk-Skem line

IN response to recent letters about a Southport-Ormskirk-Preston rail link, I agree that the links should be improved, however the installation of a third rail from Ormskirk to Southport would be too costly.

It would entail not only the cost of laying the third rail, but also the expense of ensuring the requisite power supply is sufficient.

My thoughts are that both the North and South Burscough curves should be reinstated and also the railway line from Ormskirk to Skelmersdale, using the original trackbed, where possible.

Diesel Multiple Units or the new Merseyrail Class 777s, which are replacing the old class 507 & 508s, run on batteries. The new trains are also being built with the provision of being able to have pantographs retro-fitted, so could quite happily travel to Preston using the overhead power supply where available.

I am sure that the railway timetable planners and Merseyrail could find an economic timetable to link all four destinations.

I know that Merseytravel are hoping to spread further afield and this could be food for thought for them to think about for this area.

D. J. Innocent.

Let's all keep our pavements and gutters litter-free

IT was great to see people doing their bit collecting litter in the litter-picks around the area recently.

I would like to see people making an effort to keep the pavement and gutter in front of their property tidy free from leaves etc.

It would also help if the local authority would ensure all the grids were clear throughout the area and make plans to maintain them for the future.

It all seems so simple!

Barry Jones, Aughton.

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Edge Hill research reveals proof of the 'beer goggles' effect!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Dr Rebecca Monk.

Professor Derek Heim.

RESEARCH by psychologists at Edge Hill University suggests that there is some truth in the so-called 'beer goggles' effect - the belief that alcohol can make potential suitors seem more attractive!

And while many may consider that a fact universally known, the researchers were interested to discover that drinkers only need to be mildly intoxicated for the phenomenon to take effect!

The university's Dr Rebecca Monk and Professor Derek Heim carried out a computer-based study in bars and pubs in the Ormskirk and Skelmersdale area by asking participants to respond to stimuli while ignoring photos of attractive and unattractive faces.

The findings of the study, published in academic journal, *Psychology of Addictive Behaviours,* showed that while sober participants were distracted more by attractive faces, the attention of those who were intoxicated was diverted equally by both attractive and unattractive faces.

Dr Monk, lead author of the study, said: "Previous research into the beer goggles phenomena yielded inconsistent findings and has been largely limited to asking people directly about how attractive they find others. By using an indirect measure of attention, our research was able to overcome some of these limitations.

"We know that attractive faces can pull attention away from the task at hand, but our research suggests that alcohol has the capacity to lessen this effect; to level the playing field."

More than 120 participants - both sober and intoxicated - were asked to indicate on a laptop whether the letter 'T' was the correct way around or inverted, while being told to ignore the series of faces that were shown on the screen at the same time.

Professor Heim added: "Most people have heard of the 'beer goggles' effect, and our research adds to the body of evidence showing that there is some truth to this anecdotal wisdom.

"It's remarkable that in our study participants were only mildly intoxicated, suggesting that it doesn't take much alcohol at all for people to put on their 'beer goggles'."

Primary pupils raise £1,600 for NSPCC

YOUNGSTERS at a West Lancs school have raised more than £1,600 for charity by walking a combined 700 miles - including a mile in their pyjamas!

The pupils of All Saints CE Primary in Heskleth Bank held a sponsored 'daily mile' in aid of children's charity, the NSPCC for a week, where everyone did as many miles as they could. Then on the fifth day, they all went to school dressed in their pyjamas and completed a 'Pyjamas Daily Mile' altogether. In total they raised £1,615.70.

Vicky Taylor, school council and citizenship lead at the Shore Road school, said: ""Some four laps of our playground equates to one mile and in total the children and staff, walked a whopping 700 miles! Thanks to the friends and family who supported us and helped us raise an incredible sum."

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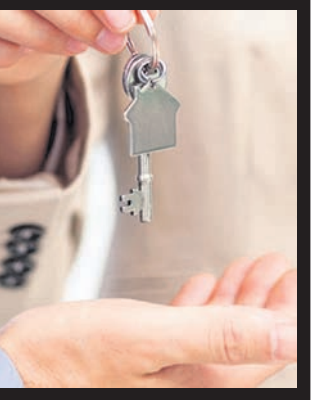

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NT Supporters Group's 'come and join us' call

MEMBERS of the public and potential new members are invited to join the Ormskirk National Trust Supporters Group which has announced a new programme of events ready for the spring and summer.

Two short holidays have been arranged, along with day trips to a variety of venues and a range of social events, including lunches, a walk, and a coffee morning.

Monthly talks are held in the winter months at Christ Church Ministry Centre, Long Lane, Aughton with the next one, on Wednesday, March 4 entitled 'Amusing Anecdotes of a Registrar.' This starts at 8pm and there is a £2 entry fee for non-members. For more details go to the website at www.odantm.wordpress.com.

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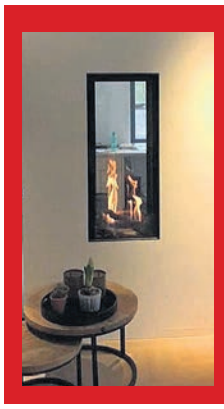

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'Proper' money, not cards, is what makes my world go round

LET'S talk about money. Not how much or how little of the stuff you or I have, but what you can - or might be able - to do with it.

For a start, perhaps someone can set me straight about how I fancy I must be misunderstanding about an app (how I hate that non-word) whereby you can persuade your central heating system to switch itself on while you are on your way home.

Now, when it says, quite correctly, that you will never again have to arrive at a freezing house, I can see that this is obviously good but it then claims that this can save you 'up to' £120 in electricity bills. How?

OK, you don't have to sit shivering while the heating gets to work, but surely the actual cost should, in fact, go up.

The boiler switches itself on, say, an hour earlier than it otherwise would whether you're there to suffer it or not? You would turn it off again at the same time surely?

But back to money in general.

I see that the Bank of England has introduced a new, plastic £20 note today. As an aside, I hate these plastic things. I don't know how much money I have lost by accidentally pulling out one of these slippery, non-folding notes in £5 and £10 form - and I don't want to find out by distributing the few £20s I have around the country every time I fumble in my pockets for the odd bit of change I might need.

Incidentally, I had some experience of these plastic horrors long before they appeared here. Back in the early 1980s the Isle of Man had introduced horrid plastic 50p notes.

But then I was only there for a few days in November so they were little more than curiosities. We'd never have those things in the UK, would we? Well, we didn't, we had the far more sensible 50p piece and proper floppy notes of higher denominations.

Determined

Far worse news came with the announcement of slippery £20 notes though.

Apparently the Bank of England reckons that by the end of the decade only 10% of all transactions in shops will be by old fogies such as I - everyone else will be fiddling around with various cards - and whoever said they would speed up your shopping obviously never looked at what actually happens.

Fumble for whichever card is likely to have money still on it, find it hasn't, fumble for a better card, decide at the second go as to which way up it should be. Start up a conversation with the bloke or woman at the till and studiously ignore the increasing line of folk trying desperately to get their bags packed and get out of the store.

Now I confess that I do use cards - sparingly. I buy my cigarettes (in hundreds) with my Barclaycard and more expensive items (such as fuel for my boat) with my switch card, but I am determined (God and the Grim Reaper willing) to be among the last, if not the very last person actually to buy my groceries with the coin and slippery plastic of the Realm.

I believe too that some shops are refusing to accept cash. Well, quite apart from this meaning that I would never use that emporium on principle even if it did sell cigs and diesel fuel, I honestly thought that it was illegal not to accept legal cash - though some companies such as EastJet apparently have the same rule.

But since it clearly is not illegal so to do, then it damn well should be!

Pity the (still quite several) folk who still do not have any credit cards - or perhaps have been refused one.

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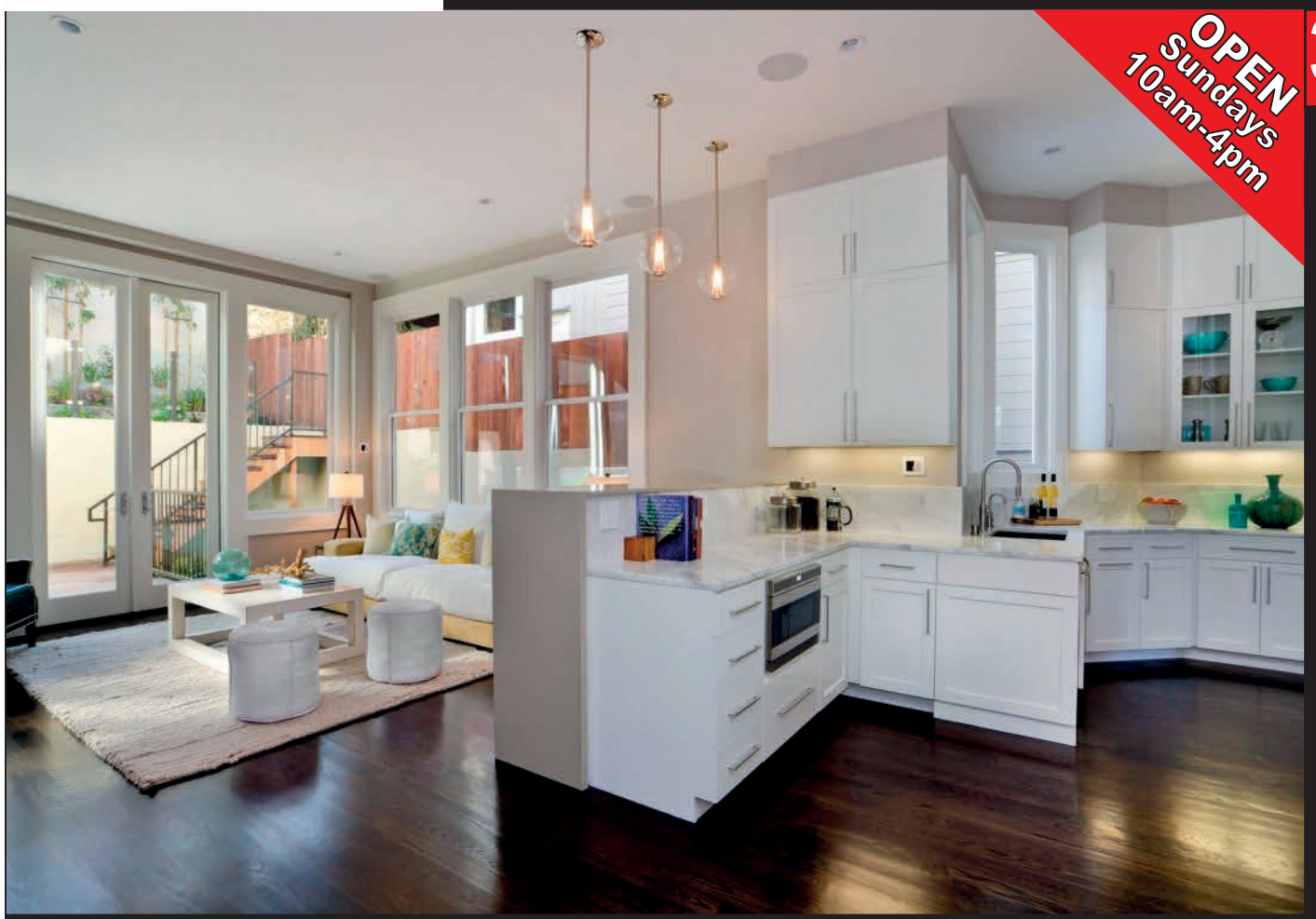

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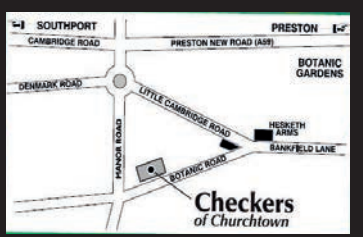

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New team developer at Slimming World

WEST Lancs Slimming World has gained a new team developer for consultants in Ormskirk and surrounding areas.

Sue Culligan, an award-winning consultant of nine years, took over the management role this month.

She said: "It's my absolute pleasure to be looking after the consultants on the West Lancs team. Working together we will ensure that every member who comes through our doors will experience a first-class experience and be supported right through to achieving their personal weight loss goals.

"We are already an award-winning team which is testament to the hard work and commitment of a great bunch of people who look after every Slimming World member in West Lancs."

As part of her new role Sue will be taking on her own group in the town and will re-launch the Tuesday evening group at Ormskirk Rugby Club on Tuesday, March 3 at 5.30pm.

She added: "I've lost seven-and-a-half stone on the Extra Easy plan and have spent the last nine years caring for members across Merseyside. I'm really excited and looking forward to now sharing my experience and knowledge with the lovely members at the rugby club. Feel free to come and join us - there's a lovely warm welcome for everyone!"

Anyone interested in finding out more can go along to Ormskirk Rugby Club, Green Lane, on March 3; call Sue on 07957 531346; or check out website www.slimmingworld.co.uk.

Orthopaedic ward seeks new recruits

STAFF on Ward 14A at Southport Hospital are opening their doors today (Wednesday, February 26) to potential new team members.

The ward specialises in orthopaedic trauma cases such as broken legs and hips and the team is looking for registered nurses and therapists, and healthcare assistants.

Potential new team members are welcome from 2pm to 6pm and will be able to meet the multi-disciplinary team which includes surgeons, therapists and nurses. This team is essential to get patients up and moving post-surgery, which speeds up recovery and allows people to return home as quickly as possible.

A current staff nurse on the ward said: "Our team is like a big family, everyone is so supportive and helpful.

Members of the team on Ward 14A.

"It's a fantastic place to work."

Another added: "This is a rewarding but challenging ward, very busy at all times. Nursing and therapy teams work closely together, going above and beyond for our patients."

Ward manager Kath Todd said: "Our team here on 14A is fantastic, working together to help patients recover from broken bones and fractures - getting them back on their feet as quickly as possible.

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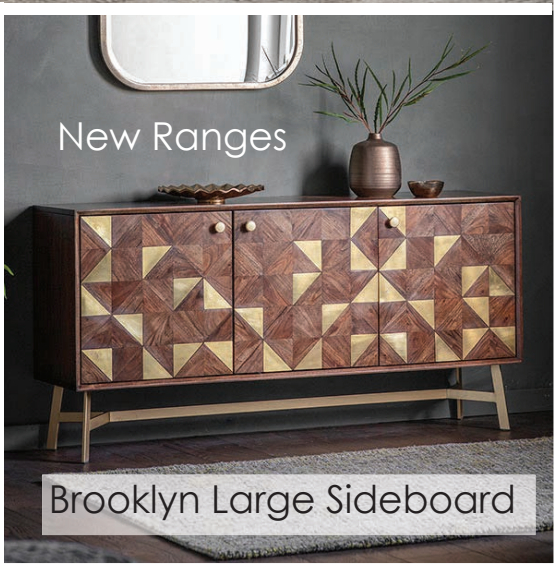

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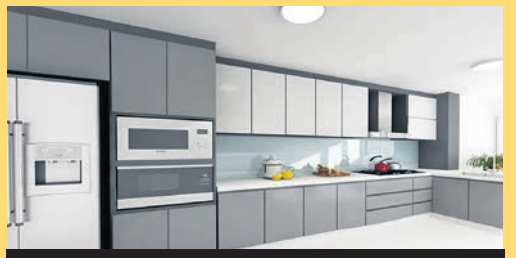

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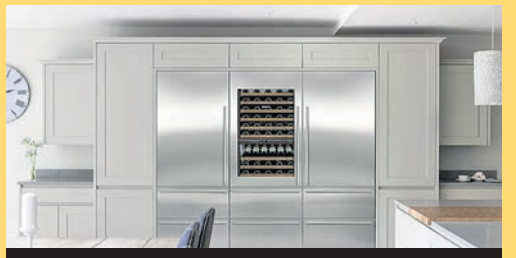

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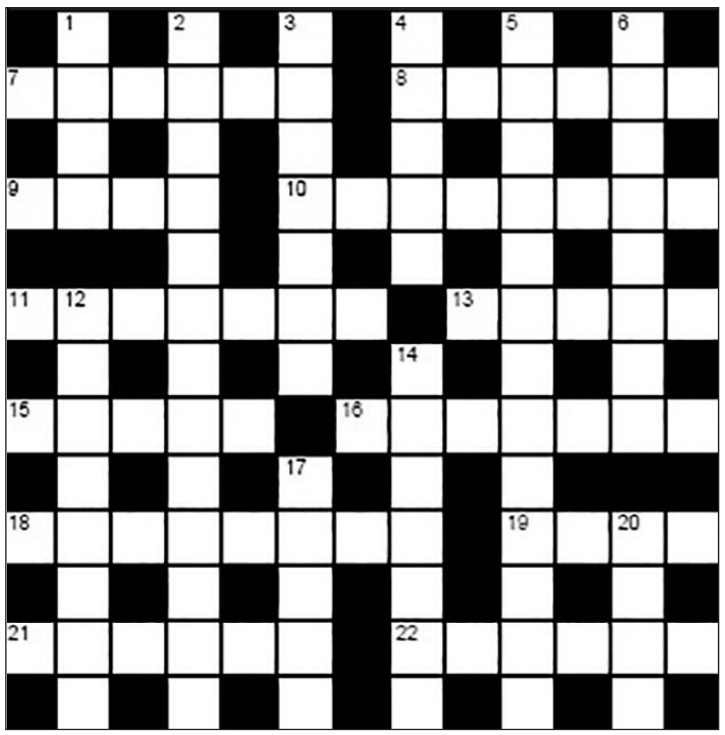

Last week's solutions:
Across: 7. Aikido. 8. Look in. 9. Hero. 10. Sawhorse. 11. Gymslip. 13. Rival. 15. Buddy. 17. Fiction. 20. Dwarfish. 21. Chat. 22. Salami. 23. Recoup.
Down: 1. Likely. 2. Biro. 3. Worship. 4. Clown. 5. Motorist. 6. Siesta. 12. Side road. 14. Withers. 16. Unwrap. 18. Opaque. 19. Civic. 21. Coca.

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ACROSS

7. Cheerful and happy (6)
8. Bathed in natural light (6)
9. Manner, style (4)
10. Male astronaut (8)
11. Determine the boundaries of (7)
13. Weak and delicate (5)
15. Discovered by chance; establish (5)
16. A completely different line of thought or action (7)
18. Translation of dialogue in a foreign film that appears at the bottom of the screen (8)
19. Petty quarrel, especially between lovers (4)
21. Existing from birth (6)
22. Exclamation of joy or satisfaction when one finds or discovers something (6)

DOWN

1. Game like hockey played on horseback (4)
2. Musical notation indicating rhythm (4, 9)
3. Valuable and prestigious horse race such as The Derby or St Leger (7)
4. Customary, habitual (5)
5. Questioning (13)
6. An official commendation (8)
12. Articulate, fluently speaking (8)
14. Becoming gradually narrower (7)
17. The process of learning (5)
20. Not genuine, counterfeit (4)

Information event for prospective adopters

LANCASHIRE County Council is staging another of its information evenings for anyone thinking about starting or growing their family through adoption.

The next event will be held on Thursday, March 5 at County Hall, Preston from 6 to 7.30pm.

Following a short presentation, members of the authority's adoption team, including social workers, will be available to answer questions, talk people through the process, and offer confidential advice.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We need people from all backgrounds to offer a permanent home and family to children who are not able to live with their birth family. You must be over 21, and live in Lancashire or close by, but whatever your race, gender, sexuality, living arrangements, age or employment status, we want to hear from you.

"What matters to us are your personal qualities and that you are able to provide a loving home where you can support and look after a child throughout their childhood and beyond."

Adoptive parents are needed for children from young babies up to eight years of age. There is a particular need for people willing to keep families together by adopting siblings. Brothers and sisters are among the children who wait longest to be adopted, as there are not enough people coming forward who are able to give them a safe, permanent and loving family.

Cllr. Williamson added: "I'm hoping that we can encourage people to at least think about adopting two or more children.

"We keep brothers and sisters together whenever we can. For children who cannot be brought up by their own parents, those sibling relationships take on extra importance. In the midst of the trauma and losses these children experience, being placed with a brother or sister can be an important source of comfort and support and give them the opportunity to grow up together.

Lancashire County Council is holding another information event for people thinking about adoption. Photo posed by models.

"However, we know that adopting siblings might not be for everyone, and we still need adopters to come forward to look after children of all different ages and circumstances."

Adoptive parents are also needed for children from young babies up to eight years of age, and particularly for the following groups - children aged over four of either gender; children with special needs, disabilities, or unpredictable medical issues; boys of all ages; mixed-heritage children of all ages.

Further details about the information evening and adoption in general are available online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption or by calling the adoption team on 0300 123 6723.

There's no need to book for the adoption information evening - you can just turn up. Free parking is available on the Arthur Street car park, next to County Hall and the Pitt Street entrance has disabled access.

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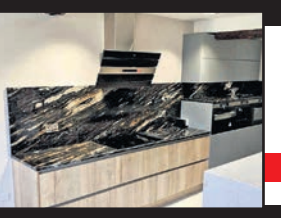

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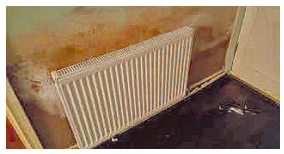

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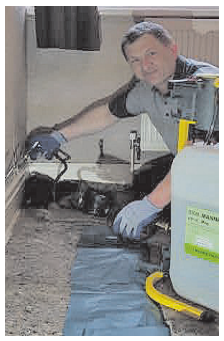

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HMS Prince of Wales

Visit of RN's mighty warship expected to draw bumper crowds

VISITORS from throughout the region are expected to flock to see the Royal Navy's huge new aircraft carrier, HMS Prince of Wales, when it arrives in Liverpool this week.

The public will have the chance to see the 65,000-tonne warship both as it sails along the Sefton coastline and when it docks in the city.

HMS Prince of Wales, which is the length of three football pitches, left Portsmouth on February 19 and is expected in Liverpool this Friday (February 28) for a week-long stay.

Commanding officer, Darren Houston, said: "My ship's company and I are hugely excited about our first visit to Liverpool. This is an opportunity for us to cement our bond with the city as one of the newest warships in the Royal Navy's fleet.

"We're looking forward to hosting people from the local community on board during our time alongside, and I know we will receive the warmest of welcomes."

It's the length of three football pitches and weighs in at 65,000 tonnes

Those fortunate enough to have a ticket will be able to board the ship on Saturday, February 29. But people without a ticket can still view it at the Liverpool Cruise Terminal throughout the week of her visit from public areas such as Princes Parade.

Deputy mayor and Liverpool City Council's cabinet member for culture, tourism and events, Councillor Wendy Simon, said: "It's a huge coup for Liverpool to welcome its affiliated ship HMS Prince of Wales on its inaugural, history-making visit.

"The sheer scale of the ship will be a real spectacle on the River Mersey and is set to attract national and international attention, drawing massive crowds. Maritime events always prove to be hugely popular in Liverpool and this will be no exception.

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Users give thumbs-up to texting helpline for mental health problems

AN innovative new service which aims to help people suffering from mental health problems has received "outstanding" feedback from users.

The well-being and mental health helpline's texting service, established by Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust (LSCFT), has been gathering satisfaction ratings since it opened in September 2019.

And staff in the team are delighted that latest results show that 100 per cent of people who have used the service say they would use it again.

Acting service manager in the team, Perri McGovern, said: "Since the launch of the texting service the feedback received so far has been amazing, with 100 per cent of people who filled in our questionnaire saying they would use the service again.

"They felt the support they received helped them, which is exactly what this service was set up to do. As a team we are delighted to be able to provide support in this new and innovative way.

"I would urge anyone who is suffering with a mental health problem to get in touch with our team for support. This includes those in crisis or just suffering with day to day problems or issues."

The helpline, which is available to anyone experiencing any type of mental health issue, can be contacted on 0800 915 4640 or by texting 'hello' to 07862 022846. Is open Monday to Friday between 7pm and 11pm and on Saturday and Sunday from noon to midnight.

A helpline volunteer providing support

Government's funding boost for domestic abuse services

A WEST Lancs refuge for victims of domestic abuse could be set for a Government funding boost.

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick, announced that councils across the North West will share more than £2.1million to enable victims and their children to stay safe, recover from the trauma and access safe permanent re-housing where needed.

Lancashire County Council was the biggest beneficiary with an award of £878,208, part of which will go to the Liberty Centre in Ormskirk.

Mr Jenrick said: "This new funding will help councils in the North West better protect victims and their children and provide essential life-saving services, delivering the urgent support that they need to rebuild their lives."

The announcement follows the confirmation of a new legal duty aimed at creating a consistent approach to accommodation-based support for domestic abuse victims across England.

Although many councils already provide tailored support to those in need, the Government believes this move will bring an end to the postcode lottery of support for those fleeing abusive relationships.

In addition, it's claimed the Domestic Abuse Bill being reintroduced shortly will feature the first ever statutory government definition of domestic abuse to specifically include economic abuse and controlling and manipulative non-physical abuse.

The bill will also establish a new Domestic Abuse Commissioner and prohibit the cross-examination of victims by their abusers in the family courts.

Refuge, a national charity providing specialist support for women and children experiencing domestic violence, has welcomed the new legislation. A statement issued by the charity read: "This much-needed change in the law could mean an end to the postcode lottery of finding emergency accommodation and ensure critical specialist services are on a much more sustainable financial footing."

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, commented: "This funding will be used to directly help people to get support from domestic abuse services. This is a one-off amount, which will support the equivalent of 25 full time jobs, directly with the local organisations who provide these services.

"This will directly help individuals and their children who are going through very difficult times, by providing better access to safe accommodation and the related support.

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Borough MP pledges support for Great British Spring Clean

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is supporting this year's Great British Spring Clean orgainsied by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy.

The campaign, which runs from March 20 to April 13 will see up to 600,000 people taking action to clean up streets, parks and beaches across the country.

The Great British Spring Clean, brings together individuals, community organisations, businesses and councils to show they love where they live and in 2019 more than half a million #LitterHeroes collected more than 900,000 bags of rubbish.

Keep Britain Tidy chief executive, Allison Ogden-Newton, said: "The overwhelming response to last year's Great British Spring Clean showed that there are many hundreds of thousands of people out there who love where they live and are prepared to take action to make it better for themselves, their families and their communities.

"Litter is an issue that affects every corner of the country and, regardless of politics, the Great British Spring Clean is a campaign everyone can get behind. It is fantastic to have the support of Rosie Cooper MP to help us reach our target of getting 600,000 people out, taking action to clean up every corner of the country."

Rosie Cooper showing her support for the campaign by the Keep Britain Tidy charity.

Ms Cooper said: "We must all play our part and stop littering, as well as increasing the understanding of the consequences of just 'throwing' our litter away and without thought for our areas and the impact on our environment.

"While it is dreadful that still there is so much litter on our streets, it is fantastic that so many people get out and take pride in their own area and want to clean it up.

"I look forward to joining a local litter-pick in a few weeks' time here in West Lancashire and would encourage as many residents as possible to get involved with local organisations who run their litter picks.

"If everyone also picked up just one piece of litter each day and disposed of it in the nearest bin we could make a big impact on the local environment.

"Litter and recycling education in schools is expanding all the time so I look forward to seeing cleaner streets, parks and pathways here in West Lancashire."

To find out more about the Great British Spring Clean visitwww.keepbritaintidy.org

Call for Goverment to work with local councils on Brexit trade deal

A WEST Lancs-based county councillor has called on the Government not to forget local authorities as they work towards securing a future trade deal with the EU.

Skelmersdale West County Councillor Julie Gibson said; "Councils have played a vital part in preparing for Brexit, often against an uncertain backdrop and concerns over a no-deal.

"After lobbying from the Labour Group, Lancashire County Council has initiated a Brexit hub, which offers local support to residents and businesses. But despite this, there are still many concerns and continued uncertainty around replacement EU funds for vital Lancashire projects.

"We were told that the UK Shared Prosperity Fund would be the replacement for EU funding throughout Lancashire. The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) was allocated some £232million of EU funding for the years 2014-2020. This has played a crucial part in supporting city deals throughout the county and the 'Boost' programme which has benefited a number of businesses in West Lancashire. There is still uncertainty as to when and how much we will receive of this replacement funding.

"In December 2018, the International Trade Select Committee recommended that councils should have a voice throughout the trade policy process. As we renew trading relationships across the world, councils have a key role to play in building new economies and attracting new business investments into their communities.

"Local councils are the ones on the frontline, we pick up the pieces when things go wrong. I urge the Government to work with us to ensure a smooth transition period."

Archery club to stage free 'have-a-go' session

THE Burscough Archers are hosting another free 'have-a-go' session for people interested in taking up the sport.

This will be held at Asmall House Livery Stables, Asmall Lane, Ormskirk on Sunday, March 15 from 1 to 4pm.

As in previous years, the session will be staged indoors so there is no need to worry about weather conditions on the day, and all participants must be aged seven or over.

Club press officer, Rod Flanagan, said: "This is an easy-going opportunity to shoot some arrows at a target just 10 yards away, with no commitment and under qualified supervision.

"Most visitors in previous years enjoyed several opportunities to shoot - they just went around again, a process encouraged by the archers. The more they shoot, the more they want to!

"Archery is a great sport for all ages, all fitness levels and can even accommodate various types and degrees of disability.

"Burscough Archers have members from across the area including, Burscough, Ormskirk, Tarleton, Hesketh Bank, Rufford and Southport, as well as Skelmersdale, Maghull and Lydiate."

For those bitten by the archery 'bug' after the have-a-go session, the club provides 'taster' one-to-one, one-hour sessions on the range for just £10. These use more powerful bows so a minimum age of 10 applies.

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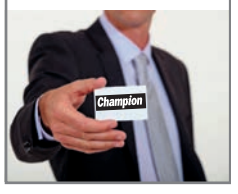

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Play provided a 'look behind the curtains'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Curtain Up! by Peter Quilter
SDC at The Little Theatre, Southport

THE idea behind this play is a novel one. When Michael dies, five ladies inherit equal shares in a dilapidated theatre. His daughter, Theresa (Sabrina Haynes) wants to restore the theatre to its former glory and persuades the other inheritors to agree.

Michael's ex-wife, Pam (Kathy Felton-Aksoy), is not keen to work alongside her replacement, Jackie (Emma Wells-Hall) but is eventually persuaded to come on board while Michael's elderly mother, Betty (Val Pedlar), and his former 'personal assistant', Sharon (Corinna Davies with green hair and tattoos), join them as they clean up the theatre and set about arranging an opening night.

As the first half progresses they all set to work cleaning up and decorating and slowly the theatre takes on a new look. The problem is raising the money to finish the job so they hit on the idea of putting on a big show with a name attraction and invite Liza Minnelli to donate her services as the star guest. To their delight, and amazement, she agrees.

There is a lot of humour in the play including plenty of clever one-liners but it has its poignant moments too, Pam and Jackie finally becoming friends and Theresa realising her mission to reopen the theatre has given her a new purpose in life.

Directed by Lynne Hawksworth, it is also an energetic play for the performers who demonstrated how fit they were with their vigorous aerobic dancing.

A scene from Curtain Up!

But on the night of the Grand Opening Show comes the message they all dread. Liza Minnelli has flu and will not be appearing. Panic ensues. Will the show have to be cancelled, the audience given their money back and all their dreams for the theatre come to nothing?

Or is there another way out of the dilemma?

The girls won't give in. They persuade Pam to put on a slinky dress and a spiked wig, giving her the appearance of Rod Stewart in drag. All she has to do to save the day is go onstage as a Liza tribute act, serenade the audience with a selection of Liza's hits and get them all singing along.

But will she have the nerve to carry it off?

Star Rating 7 out of 10. A look behind the curtains.

Samantha Womack and Cameron Blakely to revive roles in show

SAMANTHA Womack and Cameron Blakely will revive their much loved roles as Morticia and Gomez Addams in the new UK & Ireland Tour of The Addams Family.

The show is a musical comedy, with book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, the creators of multi award-winning Jersey Boys, and music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, based on the characters created by Charles Addams.

This follows a highly successful premiere tour in 2017.

The 2020 Tour will play at the Liverpool Empire Theatre from Tuesday 11 to Saturday, August 15. Further casting is to be announced.

Samantha Womack is best known for her long-running role as Ronnie Mitchell in BBC1's East-Enders.

Most recently, Samantha guest starred in last year's series of Silent Witness and she has also played Tanya Dawson for three series of the hit comedy Mount Pleasant, Ingrid in Home Again, Ruth inBabes in the Wood, Imogen in Imogen's Face and Mandy in the hugely popular Game On.

Samantha's film credits include the box office breaking Kingsman: The Golden Circle and Kingsman: The Secret Service.

Her stage credits include Nellie Forbush in the Lincoln Center Theater's Tony Award-winning production of South Pacific (Barbican Theatre & UK Tour),

Michael Grandage's West End production of Guys & Dolls opposite Patrick Swayze (Piccadilly Theatre) and Peter Hall's production of Pinter's Betrayal (Theatre Royal Bath).

The 2017 cast of The Addams family. Picture by Matt Martin

Most recently, Samantha starred in The Girl on the Trainin the West End and on a UK Tour.

Cameron Blakely's previous theatre credits include the role of Thenardier in Les Misérables, a role he played for two years in London's West End.

Cameron was also part of the 25th Anniversary at the O2, where he played Bamatabois.

Other credits include Smee in Stiles and Drewe's Peter Pan at the Adelphi Theatre and Fagin in Oliver!at The Watermill Theatre.

He has also appeared in many productions at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, including A Midsummer Night's Dream, Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet andT he Taming of the Shrew.

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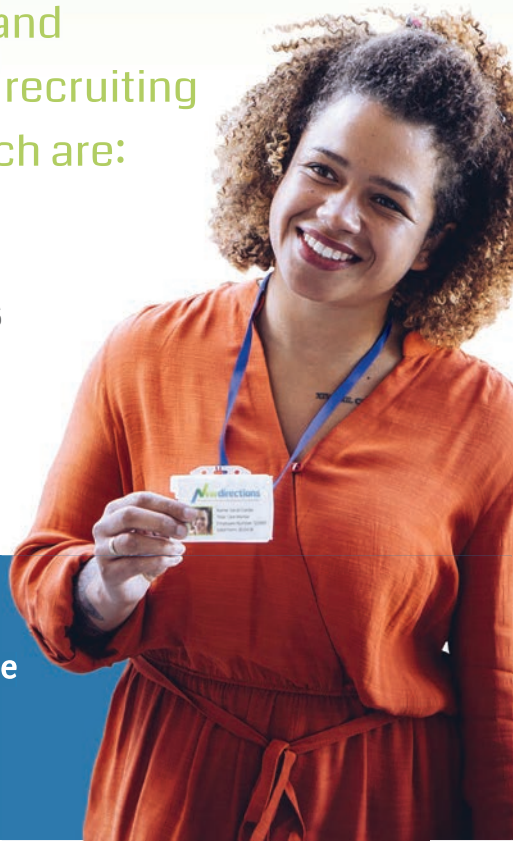

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U1006 SWANPOOL LANE AND U1008 ROSEHILL DRIVE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (U1006 Swanpool Lane and U1008 Rosehill Drive, Aughton, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:

i. To amend Article 3 as follows:

The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Saturday 22nd February 2020 until 2359 hours on Thursday 27th February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Monday 24th February 2020 and may be cited as **"The Lancashire County Council (U1006 Swanpool Lane and U1008 Rosehill Drive, Aughton, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2020"**

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22650/EW/2]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of School Lane, Longton from its junction with Briar Croft to its junction with Chapel Lane, in the borough of South Ribble.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 1800 on Wednesday 4th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- School Lane – Liverpool Road and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Lancashire County Council to carry out surface dressing patching works.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/2020/07/21971/SP]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U1006 SWANPOOL LANE AND U1008 ROSEHILL DRIVE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any class of traffic to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the West Lancashire Borough:- i. U1006 Swanpool Lane, Aughton from a point 20m South of its junction with U1008 Rosehill Drive, Aughton for a distance of 40m in a Northerly direction. ii. U1008 Rosehill Drive, Aughton from U1006 Swanpool Lane, Aughton for a distance of 20m in an Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this notice shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Saturday 22nd February 2020 until 2359 hours on Monday 24th February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. A diversion will be signed locally.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow repair works to a HV cable fault to prevent a loss of supply to be carried out by SP Energy Networks.

Authority given for this Notice to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22650/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(F9331 HAWTHORN CRESCENT, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, HEREBY makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (F9331 Hawthorn Crescent, Skelmersdale, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:

i. To amend Article 3 as follows:

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 9th March 2020 until 1800 hours on Friday 20th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Friday 21st February 2020 and may be cited as **"The Lancashire County Council (F9331 Hawthorn Crescent, Skelmersdale, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2020"**

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22301/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U1270 RYDINGS LANE, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks from U1267 Moss Lane, Banks to U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 9th March 2020 until 1700 hours on Friday 13th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks – C142 Marsh Road, Banks – C144 Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank – U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of joint bays and energise the cables to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22337/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U481 BOUNDARY LANE, HUNDRED END, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End from U1185 Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank to U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 2nd March 2020 until 1700 hours on Friday 6th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks – C142 Marsh Road, Banks – C144 Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank – U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of joint bays and energise the cables to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22333/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C166 MILL LANE, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge from U3069 Herons Wharf, Appley Bridge for a distance of 40m in an Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours until 1700 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – C162 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – B5375 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge – Over the boundary into Wigan – B5375 Miles Lane – C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – Over the boundary into West Lancashire – C166 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow sewer lining works to be carried out by Sapphire Utility Solutions Ltd on behalf of United Utilities.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22003/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U991 SANDY LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U991 Sandy Lane, Lathom from U905 Dark Lane, Ormskirk to U990 Lathom Lane, Ormskirk.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours until 1600 hours on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U905 Dark Lane, Ormskirk – U990 Lathom Lane, Ormskirk and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow vegetation management works around the overhead network to be carried out by Electricity North West.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21326/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SMITHY WALK, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Smithy Walk, Burscough from Stanley Court, Burscough for a distance of 36m in a Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 9th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Tuesday 10th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Smithy Walk, Burscough – Lord Street, Burscough – Stanley Court, Burscough and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell
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0300 123 6780
[Ref: HRiT/20174/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ORMSKIRK ROAD, UP HOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Ormskirk Road, Up Holland from Newgate Road, Up Holland for a distance of 80m in a Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Thursday 12th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Friday 13th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ormskirk Road, Up Holland – Chequer Lane, Up Holland – Tower Hill Road, Up Holland – Ormskirk Road, Up Holland and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell
Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport
0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20173/EW]

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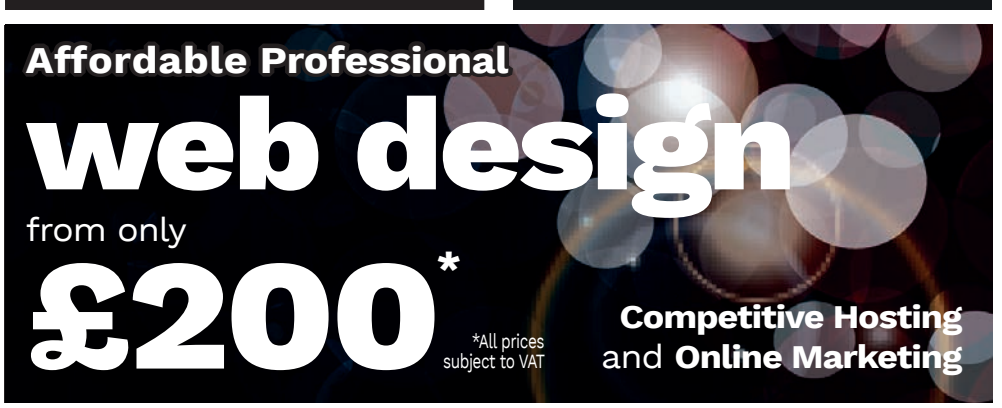

QUEENSCOURT LOTTERY DRAW RESULTS

This week's £1,500 Prize Winner lives in Bannistre Court, Tarleton
£1,500 = 280727 £100 = 15635

Winners of £20 are as follows:

26493	207705
20959	192274
49708	10246
182966	116764
101799	21910
21440	17128
16218	23429
187373	29466
20985	336480
28521	120272

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale from Tanhouse Road, Skelmersdale for a distance of 35m in a North Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Tuesday 10th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Tanhouse Road, Skelmersdale – Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale and Vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell
Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport
0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRiT/20172/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WESTGATE, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Westgate, Skelmersdale from High Street, Skelmersdale to Railway Road, Skelmersdale.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Friday 20th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- High Street, Skelmersdale – Whitehey, Skelmersdale – Whitehey Road, Skelmersdale – Railway Road, Skelmersdale and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell
Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport
0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRiT/20180/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GREENS LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Greens Lane, Downholland from the boundary between Sefton Borough Council and Lancashire County Council for a distance of 130m in a Northerly Direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Greens Lane, Downholland – Broad Lane, Downholland – Delf Lane, Downholland – Mairscough Lane, Downhollad (into Sefton Borough) – Southport Road, Sefton Borough – Hall Lane, Sefton Borough – Eager Lane, Sefton Borough and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20178/EW]

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WOODLANDS LOTTERY DRAW

DRAW DATE: Friday 21st February 2020

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **OUR WINNERS** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

1st Prize	£500	040202	Mr M. Murphy
2nd Prize	£100	072549	Mrs E Mills
3rd Prize	£50	023813	Mr M McAuliffe
4th Prize	£50	002607	Mrs J Cronin

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(F8665 DUKES WOOD LANE, UP HOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of F8665 Dukes Wood Lane, Up Holland from a point approximately 605m North West of the junction with C157 Crawford Road, Up Holland for a distance of 40m in a North Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative between the dates and times as detailed below:-
i. 2000 hours on Saturday 14th March 2020 until 0530 on Monday 16th March 2020 ii. 2000 hours on Saturday 21st March 2020 until 0530 on Monday 23rd March 2020 iii. 2000 hours on Saturday 28th March 2020 until 0530 on Monday 30th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic is not possible as this is a dead end road.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow track renewals at the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21570/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(F9331 HAWTHORN CRESCENT, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of F9331 Hawthorn Crescent, Skelmersdale from U520 Hawthorn Crescent, Skelmersdale to High Street, Skelmersdale.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 2nd March 2020 until 1800 hours on Friday 13th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible as this is a footway closure. An alternative route for pedestrian and cycle traffic affected by the closure is via:-
U520 Hawthorn Crescent, Skelmersdale – High Street, Skelmersdale and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow gas main replacement works to be carried out by Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions on behalf of Cadent Gas.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22301/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Station Road, Parbold from a point 15m North West of the junction with Broadmead, Parbold for a distance of 40m in a Northerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 2359 hours on Saturday 14th March 2020 until 0800 hours on Sunday 15th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- The Common, Parbold – Lancaster Lane, Parbold – Alder Lane, Parbold – Mill Lane, Windmill Bridge – Station Road, Parbold and vice Versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow drainage works and culvert cleaning to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell
Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport
0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20371/EW]

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LOTTERY RESULTS

JOSPICE LOTTERY WINNERS
Friday 21st February 2020

£1000.....Mrs Cameron, Formby (volunteer at Formby Shop)

£250.....Mrs Bolger, Waterloo

£100.....Miss Francis, Maghull

Plus 15 other winners of £10 each

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 2nd March 2020 until 1800 hours on Friday 13th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible as this is a footway closure. An alternative route for pedestrian and cycle traffic affected by the closure is via:-

U520 Hawthorn Crescent, Skelmersdale – High Street, Skelmersdale and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow gas main replacement works to be carried out by Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions on behalf of Cadent Gas.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22301/EW]

Lancashire County Council

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2020/0030/FUL Erection of one detached dwelling at Brooklands, 30 Parliament Street, Up Holland.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0031/LBC Listed Building Consent - Erection of one detached dwelling at Brooklands, 30 Parliament Street, Up Holland.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0032/FUL Erection of one detached dwelling and detached garage at Brooklands, 30 Parliament Street, Up Holland.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0033/LBC Listed Building Consent - Erection of one detached dwelling and detached garage at Brooklands, 30 Parliament Street, Up Holland.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0133/FUL Installation of a twin wall flue on the south west elevation at Durleigh House, 118 Liverpool Road, Rufford.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0143/LBC Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations to residential dwelling at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0145/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 of planning permission 2019/0068/FUL to vary the approved plans at Smithy Farm, Broad Lane, Downholland.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Acts 1981 applies.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days* of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

*17 days in the case of applications for Permission in Principle.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used

Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Corporate Director of Place & Community

Dated: 26th February 2020
PDNOT1080

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MARY-LOU ABBOTT

Jason and the family of the late Mary-Lou wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to them on the loss of our beautiful Mary-Lou.
The attendance of so many of you at the service was much appreciated.
Thank you for all the cards, flowers, support, messages of condolence and very generous contributions to Foodbanks and to The Trussell Trust.
Any further donations maybe be made via: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mary-lou

Special thanks to staff at Southport ITU and also the Organ Donation team for the care and compassion shown to Mary-Lou and to us all.

Thanks to Eleanor from St. Paul's, Skelmersdale and Rev. Pauline Bicknell, Vicar, Ormskirk Parish Church for their support and lovely service.

Thanks also to Skelmersdale Funeral Services for facilitating the arrangements

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ENGAGEMENTS

JODIE & NATHAN

14th February 2020

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All your family and friends

x x x

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BIRTHDAYS

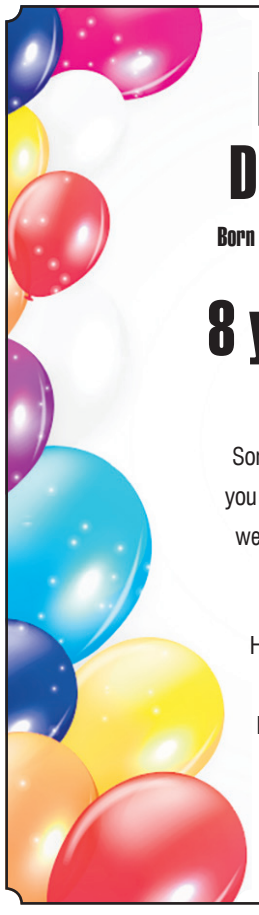
ADELE MEREDITH

Happy Birthday

28th February

Remember you are always loved by your broken-hearted Dad xx

BIRTHDAYS



DELPHI DEMPSEY

Born on 29th February 2012

Will be

8 years old

on Saturday

Sorry we can't be with you on your special day, we love and miss you (and William)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Love from
Nana, Granddad,
Andrew,
Jean the Bean
and Margi

DEATHS

YATES TOM

Peacefully on 11th February 2020 after receiving such good care and support over the last 4 years at Sutton Grange Care Home, Banks

Aged 94 years

Dearly beloved husband of the late Pat Yates.
Much loved Dad of Angela and Gill, and devoted grandad and great grandad.
Formerly of Yates' Grocers, Guildford Road, Birkdale and Workshop Technician at Southport College.
Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends and all who knew him.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 28th February 2020 at 12 noon.
No flowers please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Salvation Army.
Further enquiries please to Moister's Funeral Directors, 25a Sefton Street, Southport, PR8 6SG
Tel: 01704 501501.

TONKS HARRY

17th February 2020

Passed away peacefully at home aged 89 Years

Much Loved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.
Requiem Mass at St. Peter & St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, Mawdesley, on Tuesday 3rd March at 10.30am followed by a committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family Flowers only please, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice.
Donations & further enquires please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 22a, Liverpool Road North, Bursocugh.
Tel: 01704 891555

DEATHS

BRIDGE BARBARA JOAN
(nee Ball)

14th February 2020

Of Downholland and Lathom.

Peacefully in hospital aged 83 years

The dearly loved Wife of Alan.
Loving and much loved Mum of Debbie and Peter, Mother-in-law to Martin and devoted and very special Gran to Ellen.
Funeral service at St Thomas' Church, Lydiate on Thursday 5th March 2020 at 10:45am followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough at 12noon.
Black attire not necessary.
Donations if desired for Spinal Unit Action Group (SUAG).
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors
Tel: 01695 722122/720012

GUTHRIE JOHN "GUFFER"

16th February 2020

Suddenly at home aged 58 years

Loving Husband of Anne.
Devoted Dad of Stephanie and Andrew. Grandad of Tyler and Mason, Dear Father-in-law of Dale and Emilie.
Much loved Son, Son-in-law, Brother, Uncle and Brother-in-law.
Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 2nd March at 3pm.
Family flowers only please by request.
Donations if desired for The North West Ambulance Service.
All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane
Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

VINCENT KENNETH ISAAC 'KEN'

Passed away whilst going about his busy and full life, where he gave so much to others

20th February 2020

Aged 87 years

Devoted Husband of the late Betty, much loved Father to Timothy, Christopher, Simon and Jonathan, cherished Grandad to Katy, Sam and Eleanor and loving Father-In-Law to Vicky, Mel and Jayne.
Ken will stay in the hearts of his family, his friends, his local community and all who knew him. He will be sadly missed.
For further enquiries and funeral arrangements please contact MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane. Aughton, Ormskirk, L39 5DZ
Tel: 01695 424888

ABRAM RAYMOND

11th February 2020

Aged 78 years

(THE VIKING)

Beloved Father of Audrey, Garth, Collin and Angie.
Grandfather to Sian, Jordan, Cassandra and Megan.
Great-grandfather to Declan, Theo, Elsie and Lucas. Will be sadly missed by Ady.
Raymond will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 2nd March at 10:00am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Heather Abram Charity and Prostate Cancer UK.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR.
Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

CLIFT ARTHUR COULTON

17th February 2020

Peacefully in hospital aged 78 years

Much loved Husband of Nita. Dad of Amanda, Gary, and Lisa. Grandad of Emma, Kevin, Scott, Josh and Phoebe. Brother to Elaine and the late Raymond and Pat.
Arthur will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 12 noon.
No black attire would be appreciated.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Macmillan Cancer Support.
Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ.
Tel: 01704 532106

HARRISON ROY THOMAS

18th February 2020

Peacefully at home after a long illness aged 81 years

Beloved Husband of Eve.
Dearly loved Father of Simon, Laura and Sara. Dear Father-in-law of Jackie, Adam and Matt and a much loved Papa to Georgina, Elizabeth, Chloe, Tom, Elle, Lily, Leo and Sylvie.
A very special Husband, Father, Father-in-law and Papa.
He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral Service will take place at St. Paul's Church on Friday 6th March at 1.45pm followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Parkinsons U.K.(Ormskirk Branch).
All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane
Tel: 01695 559868

Announcements

DEATHS

KEATING IRENE ANN

16th February 2020

Peacefully in hospital

'A much loved Sister
Never to be forgotten'

Betty & family,
Pat, Louis & family,
Leo & Barbara and
Bill & family.

GREEN RACHEL CHANTAL

7th February 2020

Aged 47 years

Passed away unexpectedly. Much loved Wife of Richard. Mum to Thanasis and Adrianna. Loving Daughter to Ady and Tom. Many will miss Rachel and her acts of kindness and thoughtfulness. Service on Thursday 5th March at 12:00 noon. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

POSTLETHWAITE IRENE

13th February 2020

Aged 92 years

Passed away peacefully. Much loved Mum of June, Grandmother to Karl and Pippa, Mother-in-law to Brian. Irene will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 28th February at 12:00 noon. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Diabetes UK. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

TAYLOR PETER ROBERT

Passed away
12th February 2020
aged 61 years

Dad to Gemma, Grandad to Lyra and Dylan. Brother to Joan and Susan. Loving Uncle to Richard, Katie, Joanna and John. Stepdad to John, blended family to Joyce and John. Will be missed by all. Funeral Thursday 27th February 2020 at Southport Crematorium, 10am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

ALLEN NEE HUGHES AUDREY OLGA

After a short illness peacefully at home on 20th February 2020 aged 83 years.

Dearly beloved wife of the late Ernest John. Much loved Mum of David, Deborah and Michelle. Dear Mother-In-Law of Stephen. Loving Nana of Thomas and Stephanie. Devoted sister of Betty and the late Peter and Avice. Audrey will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 5th March 2020 at 12.40pm. Family flowers only by request please, but donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK. Further enquiries please to Co-op Funeral care, 254 Liverpool Road, Southport, PR8 4PD. Telephone: 01704 550011.

DEATHS

DAVIES FRANCES

20th February 2020

After a short illness, peacefully in hospital aged 69 years.

Loving sister of Irene and the late Catherine. Cousin of Linda, Alec and Dennis. Frances will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th March 2020 at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Sightsavers. Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel: 01704 532106

MCAULEY CHARLES EDWARD

Passed away peacefully at home 9th February 2020

Dearly loved Husband of Sarah. Loving Dad of Ruth, doting Grandad of Gabrielle and loving Father-in-law of John. He will be dearly missed as a Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle and Friend. Requiem Mass at St Annes Church Ormskirk on Friday 28th February at 12:30pm followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium Burscough Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice.

Donations and further enquires please to Louis Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

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DEATHS

COOK MAVIS

17th February 2020

After a short illness peacefully at Elm House Nursing Home Much loved Wife of Ken Much loved Mum of Daughter Carol and late Kevin. Mother-in-Law of Dennis. Dear Nan of the late Katie. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 5th March at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries please to: Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ. Tel: 01704 212714

EDWARDS HENRIETTA VIOLET

Passed away peacefully aged 89 years
15th February 2020

Vi will be deeply missed by her beloved children Jacky, Steve and Andy. A celebration of her life will be held at St. Thomas The Martyr Church, Upholland on Friday 28th February at 11.15am. Prior to that, a Funeral Service and committal will be held for family and close friends at St. Helens Crematorium at 10am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Prostate Cancer UK. For all enquiries contact W.Banks of Orrell, Sefton Villa, Sefton Rd, Orrell, WN5 8UP Tel: 01695 622272

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Johnson Patricia
27th February 2005

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Alison X X

Love and miss you
loads Gran, Great
Granddaughter
Aimée X X

Johnson Patricia
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Nan we miss you more
than words can say,
In our hearts you
will always stay,
Loved and
remembered every day.

Grandson Phil, Kelly
and Great Grandson
Daniel
XXX

Johnson Patricia
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We can't have the old
days back when we
were all together,
but secret tears and
loving thoughts will
be with us forever.
Love and miss you
always Mum

Gary, Angela, Abbie
and Chloe
XXXX

IN MEMORIAM

Johnson Patricia
27th February 2005

I wish that I could
see you Mum
for just a little while,
I wish that I could
hug you and see
your lovely smile,
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DALEY SAMUEL
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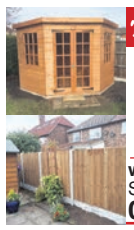

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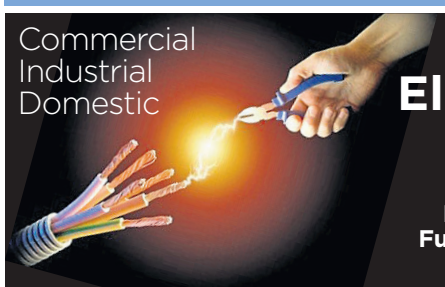

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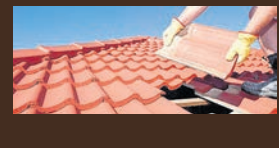

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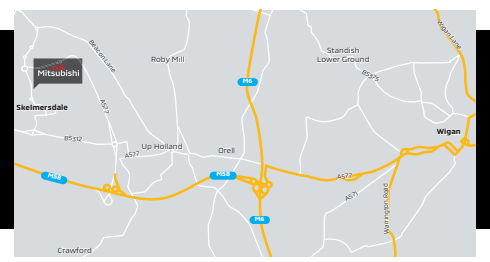

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Perhaps being utterly devoid of Gallic design flair is exactly what this new arrival needs?

For all its Audi-esque design details, our man hopes the new DS 9 will be a hit here

PERHAPS, in a police station somewhere in Paris, a theft's been reported to *La Gendarmerie*. Clearly the top brass at DS are concerned – because someone's run off with almost all of their trademark design details.

That's the only conclusion I can come to having flicked through all the finer details of the new DS 9 – a new, 5-Series-rivalling saloon from Citroën's high-end sister brand. It's a big, plushly-trimmed luxury barge from the nation that brought you the Citroën XM (chiefly known for its out-there looks and wafty suspension), the Peugeot 604 and the Renault 25.

It's practically written into the constitution of the Fifth Republic that the President of France must step out of a four-door saloon that rides like it's been draped over a water bed, and looks like it's nicked straight out of The Louvre. Yet the new car looks…well, it looks like an Audi A6.

Just about the only really avantgarde bit of styling I can find is that they've stuck the indicators at the top of the rear window, in a neat homage to the original Citroën DS of the 1950s – but where are the rear wheel spats and the floating roofline and the obsessively aerodynamic shape?

I can only assume they've been taken from the DS design office, and that Liam Neeson, once he's finished his surly-sounding phone call, is going to fly over to recover them.

Even the name isn't quite right – I know it's convention for DS to simply assign its models a number, but stick DS 9 into Google and you'll be treated to some fictional Nineties spacefarers – but once you get over that and the fact it looks like a Macron-spec Audi or BMW this looks like it's going to be a genuinely decent bit of kit.

It'll be offered primarily as a plug-in hybrid, initially in 225bhp but then with a thumping combination of petrol engines and electric batteries serving up the equivalent of 360bhp – and for anyone who remembers older French cars being a bit too wayward on account of sending all their shove to the front wheels, it's worth bearing in mind that the more powerful versions of the DS 9 will have four-wheel-drive.

But the secret's going to be in whether DS remembers one of two areas where France's big saloons lead the world – being more comfortable, by miles, than anything BMW, Audi or Mercedes can muster.

The new arrival's equipped with a camera that scans the road ahead for sores and imperfections, and then prepares the dampers accordingly. Combine that with seats that are heated, cooled and massaged by each of their individual occupants, and I reckon this is something any self-respecting French cabinet minister is going to want to waft to Charles De Gaulle in.

The question is – will the rest of us? The other area where French saloons lead the world is trailing the Germans spectacularly in the showrooms, as the old Citroën C6 (and before that, the XM) proved.

Maybe the French rozzers won't need to step in – perhaps being utterly devoid of Gallic design flair is exactly what this new arrival needs.

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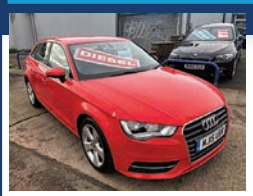

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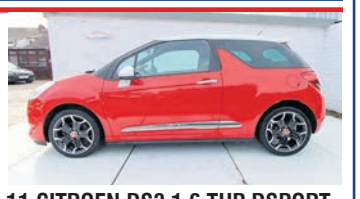

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Linnets set for return to action when they face Squires Gate

FANS can put their sat navs away for a couple of weeks as Burscough are at home on the next two weekends and Skelmersdale United go one better with three consecutive Saturday home matches, ***writes Neil Leatherbarrow.***

It could be said that both clubs need to take advantage of a run of home games as points are still needed in Burscough's relegation fight and Skem will also look to make their likely survival certain.

With 11 league games remaining Burscough are still only three points clear of the drop zone while Skelmersdale are five points better off, eight points clear but with only nine games left to play.

Both are in far better form than they were before Christmas.

Burscough have the biggest problem and it could be a close thing for the Linnets.

The Linnets entertain Squires Gate this Saturday and will be looking for a repeat of when they won 1-0 away to the Blackpool based side on a warm night in August.

Things have changed a bit since then, but it is still a game Nick Matthews' team need to and can win.

Skelmersdale have been picking up points against better teams and will need to continue that trend on Saturday when they host Bootle in what is billed as the 'M58 derby'.

Sitting third in the North West Counties Premier Division table, Bootle have promotion as their target.

However, they could be vulnerable after losing two of their last three, most recently a 3-0 defeat at home to Rylands, a team that Skem have recently pushed close twice.

Meanwhile, Ormskirk West End FC are celebrating their 50th birthday this year.

The club will hold a dinner celebrating their half century at Hurlston Hall Golf Club on Saturday, June 6.

They want former players to attend. Tickets including a three course dinner and comedian are £30 and available by calling 07572 423499 and payment can be arranged over the phone.

Richard Brodie slots home his penalty to make it 1-1. Pictures by John Driscoll

Brodie spot on for Skem to earn draw

Whitchurch Alport 1
Skelmersdale United 1

A LATE penalty scored by Richard Brodie earned Skelmersdale United a well-earned point at Whitchurch Alport, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

Paul McNally welcomed Alex Davies, Tom Grimshaw, Patrick Staunton, Regan Jarrett and Jason Carey back into the starting line-up while Kofi Opoku-Berche was named on the bench after joining on dual-registration from Ramsbottom United.

After both sides had started well on the mixed pitch it was Alport who opened the scoring in the tenth minute with Sean Griffiths finding Matthew Owen who from the edge of the area fired past Ben Barnes to make it 1-0.

The hosts looked to extend their lead five minutes later but Alex Hughes' effort failed to trouble Barnes before Matty Owen looked to turn provider as he picked out Jud Ellis but the Alport forward fired over the target.

United went close at the other end with Atkinson forced into a stunning save to prevent captain Jordan Tyrer from levelling with a header from a corner. Another headed chance saw Jason Carey guiding the ball narrowly past the post after connecting to Tom Croughan's free-kick.

Jordan Tyrer rises highest for a challenge.

The second half saw United given the chance to level rapidly after the restart, Carey trying his luck with a shot which went narrowly past the post. Alport came very close to doubling their lead on 52 minutes as a scramble in the United defence resulted in Jud Ellis firing wide.

Patrick Staunton connected to a corner to head over before another headed effort this time from Carey also missed the target but further showed United's threat. At the other end, Alport tried their luck with Owen and Hughes combining with the former sending a shot over the bar.

As the match entered the final ten minutes, United came achingly close to levelling with substitute Richard Brodie forcing Atkinson to tip his header over the bar before fellow sub Gabriel Ellis saw a header cannon off the bar.

United were soon gifted a chance to level on 83 minutes when Brodie was felled by Atkinson and with the referee pointing to the penalty spot, Brodie stepped up and slotted past Atkinson to equalise at 1-1.

Both sides pushed for a winner with a Hughes corner meeting the head of Alport captain Darren Campion who drew a strong stop from Barnes before an effort from Gabriel Ellis saw Atkinson deny him with a superb stop.

500 runners took on wet and windy Parbold Hill Race

THE historic Parbold Hill Race celebrated its 50th anniversary this year with around 500 runners lining up in the face of not only the notoriously taxing route but also the aftermath of Storm Ciara and the onset of Storm Dennis!

The course of seven miles was in a very wet state and the mud at its most draining, following some rather benign conditions in the past couple of years.

Nevertheless everyone gave it their all with Jon-Jo Doherty (St Helens and Sutton RC) leading the field home in a time of 43:43 and Katherine Klunder (Chorley AC) being the fastest woman in 53:44.

The race is put on by local running club Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers and it was their formidable women's line-up that took the female team win, the trio of Maria Cook, Bridget Glaister and Honor Thompson all placing in the top six places.

The male team prize was won by the local Endurance Store team of Dan Miller, Chris Kitchin and Tom Rigby.

The Parbold Hill Race has become one of the most popular early season hill racing fixtures in the North West and over the 50 years since its inception has attracted some famous runners including Ron Hill from Accrington one of the UKs most accomplished distance athletes.

This year saw what must surely be a new record in the form of the completion of the course by two male octogenarians - Harry Johnson and Dennis Adelsburg.

Amazingly Dennis ran in the very first Parbold Hill Race in 1972 and actually celebrates his 90th birthday in the not too distant future.

Should anyone fancy training up for the Parbold Hill Race or are wanting to run in the local area then Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers are a friendly running club that welcomes all to join them and participate in their training nights and race calendar.

For more information, visit their website: www.skelmersdaleboundaryharriers.com

One of the runners in the race.

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